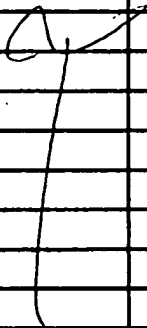
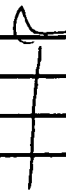



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>	Complete if Known	
	Filing Date	
	First Named Inventor Kapeles	
	Art Unit	
Examiner Name		
Sheet(s) 1 of 1	Attorney Docket Number A0693.10.U	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		5,259,319	11/1993	Dravecky et al.	
		3,714,896	2/1973	Young	
		228,494	6/1880	Valentine	
		5,402,729	4/1995	Richert	
		4,164,903	8/1979	Bouza	
		5,086,703	2/1992	Klein	
		6,041,712	03/2000	Lyon	
		6,145,441	11/2000	Woodall, et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Foreign Document Number Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		WO 83/00213	1/1983	Palcher		
		GB10,288	5/1906	Trask		
		DE 4,016,001	11/1991			
		EP 204,107	12/1986			

Examiner Signature 	Date Considered 10/29/04
--	--------------------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional).

² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04.

³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3).

⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible.

⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.